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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an educational assistance stipend for  
2 eligible veterans and providing an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35A.16 VETERANS EDUCATION  
1 2 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM == APPROPRIATION.  
1 3 1. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, unless the  
1 4 context otherwise requires:  
1 5 a. "Eligible postsecondary institution" means an  
1 6 institution of higher learning under the control of the state  
1 7 board of regents, a community college established under  
1 8 chapter 260C, or an accredited private institution as defined  
1 9 in section 261.9, subsection 1, which agrees to participate in  
1 10 the program established in this section.  
1 11 b. "Eligible veteran" means a veteran who meets the  
1 12 following conditions:  
1 13 (1) Is a student making satisfactory academic progress at  
1 14 an eligible postsecondary institution.  
1 15 (2) Is a resident of this state at the time of application  
1 16 for payment under this section and was a resident of this  
1 17 state at the time of the person's enlistment or any  
1 18 reenlistment into the United States armed forces, as evidenced  
1 19 by documentation to the satisfaction of the department.  
1 20 (3) Except for benefits under this section, has no  
1 21 remaining military or veteran-related educational assistance  
1 22 benefits for which the person may have been entitled.  
1 23 (4) Applies to the department in a format determined by  
1 24 the department and submits with the application proof of  
1 25 military service, and, where applicable, proof of residency  
1 26 and a statement from the United States veterans administration  
1 27 that the veteran has exhausted entitlement to federal  
1 28 educational benefits.  
1 29 2. PROGRAM. A veterans education assistance program is  
1 30 established within and shall be administered by the department  
1 31 to provide a single education assistance payment of seven  
1 32 hundred fifty dollars for each eligible veteran.  
1 33 3. PAYMENT. Payment shall not be made for a veteran who  
1 34 has attained a baccalaureate or higher degree. Upon  
1 35 submission of satisfactory proof of eligibility and receipt of  
2 1 certification by the president or governing board of the  
2 2 educational institution that the veteran is an undergraduate  
2 3 student, payment authorized under this section on behalf of an  
2 4 eligible veteran shall be made directly to the eligible  
2 5 postsecondary institution the veteran is attending.  
2 6 4. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. The department shall adopt by  
2 7 rule policies and procedures for determining eligibility and  
2 8 payment under this section.  
2 9 5. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated annually from the  
2 10 general fund of the state to the department of veterans  
2 11 affairs an amount sufficient to make veterans education  
2 12 assistance payments as provided in this section.

### EXPLANATION

2 14 This bill requires the department of veterans affairs to  
2 15 make veterans education assistance payments of \$750 to  
2 16 eligible postsecondary institutions on behalf of veterans who  
2 17 have exhausted entitlement to federal educational benefits.  
2 18 The bill makes a standing unlimited appropriation to make the  
2 19 veterans education assistance payments.  
2 20 Payments shall not be made for a person who has a

2 21 baccalaureate or higher degree. Veterans may attend a  
2 22 community college, regents university, or an accredited  
2 23 private institution if the institution agrees to participate  
2 24 in the program. Payment is made on behalf of the eligible  
2 25 veteran to the eligible postsecondary institution the veteran  
2 26 is attending upon submission of satisfactory proof of  
2 27 eligibility and receipt of certification by the institution  
2 28 that the veteran is an undergraduate student.

2 29 An eligible veteran is defined as a veteran who is a  
2 30 student making satisfactory academic progress at an eligible  
2 31 postsecondary institution; is and was a resident of this state  
2 32 at the time of the person's enlistment or any reenlistment  
2 33 into the United States armed forces; has no remaining military  
2 34 or veteran-related educational assistance benefits for which  
2 35 the person may have been entitled; and applies to the  
3 1 department and submits with the application proof of military  
3 2 service, proof of residency, and a statement from the United  
3 3 States veterans administration that the veteran has exhausted  
3 4 entitlement to federal educational benefits.

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